

BRIDGE ACROSS THE COOSA RIVER AT GADSDEN, ALA.

JANUARY 7, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HUDDLESTON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10887]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10887) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Alabama, through its highway department, to construct a bridge across the Coosa River at Gadsden, Etowah County, Ala., on State road No. 1, having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 4, page 1, after the words "of Alabama," strike out the rest of the line.

Line 5, page 1, strike out "cessors and assigns," at the beginning of the line.

Amend the title so as to read:

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Alabama to construct a bridge across the Coosa River at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 22, 1924.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (H. R. 10887, 68th Cong., 2d sess.) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Alabama, through its highway department, to construct a bridge across the Coosa River at Gadsden, Etowah County, Ala., on State road No. 1, if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Coosa River do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS,
Secretary of War.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 24, 1924.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
United States House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 18 inclosing a copy of H. R. 10887 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would grant authority to the State of Alabama, through its highway department, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Coosa River at or near Gadsden, county of Etowah, State of Alabama. The proposed bridge will be on a road embraced in the system of Federal-aid highways approved for Alabama, is to be built by the State, and is to be operated as a free bridge. The department, therefore, would recommend favorable action thereon.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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